

Commission Business Meeting Notes

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Today's meeting began with item one on the supplemental utilities agenda: a request for approval of a petition for expedited accounting and true-up in Docket No. 2020-263-E, along with a request for confidential treatment of portions of an exhibit and a request for an expedited Order. Commissioner Thomas moved to grant these requests and his motion carried.

Today's utility agenda then began with an item in Docket No. 2021-23-C: consideration of a second notice of change to ETC-designated service areas. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the changes, and her motion carried.

Item two was a petition for a declaratory order with verification in Docket No. 2021-114-E. Commissioner Thomas moved to find that the Commission conduct a proceeding and deny the request for a declaratory order. Chairman Williams, noting that he did not participate in the oral arguments, did not vote on this item. Commissioner Williams, supporting the motion, raised issues based on the SC Code and the Utilities Siting Act and the need to study how large-scale solar arrays may be impactful on neighboring communities and the environment. Vice-Chair Besler and Commissioner Ervin voted against the motion. Commissioner Thomas' motion carried.

Item three, in Docket No. 2021-363-E, was a motion to dismiss complaint and request confidential treatment for certain portions of the motion; the request to dismiss was denied following a motion made by Commissioner Williams, which also set the matter for hearing and granted confidential treatment of sensitive information.

Item four involved a motion to recuse and a request for the scheduling of oral arguments; this was temporarily carried over until later in the business meeting.

Item five, in Docket No. 2021-297-E, involved a petition for an order approving accounting treatment related to settlement and true-up amounts, which Commissioner Thomas moved to grant in a motion that also set the schedule for reporting. His motion carried.

Item six was the consideration of confidential treatment of joint comments filed on behalf of three organizations; Commissioner Ervin noted that this request has been withdrawn and motioned that the item be rendered moot. His motion carried.

Item seven was a request in Docket No. 2021-374-E for waiver of bid requirement and approval to transfer property; Commissioner Powers moved to deny the request as the Commission does not approve the sale, necessitating competitive bids for the property and a report back to the Commission. Commissioners Williams and Ervin spoke in favor of Commissioner Powers' motion, noting that the competitive bid process is necessary lacking explicit reasons to waive the process. His motion carried, with Chairman Williams and Vice-Chair Belser voting no.

Item eight was a request in Docket No. 2021-349-E to consider a notice of withdrawal of a joint petition. This item was taken together with item number four; Commissioner Caston moved to treat the notice of withdrawal as a motion to withdraw and grant it, thus dismissing all pending motions. Commissioner Ervin noted that he will not be voting or participating in this item and Commissioner Thomas noted that he will likewise abstain from voting on the item. Commissioner Caston's motion carried.

Item nine was consideration of the eighteenth amendment to a defense contract, which Vice Chair Belser moved to accept as information. Her motion carried.

Item ten, in Docket No. 2019-387-A, was a request for approval of a document provided by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc: the "Implementation Guidelines for Utility Customer Data." This item was carried over.

Finally, item eleven was a request for approval of the sale of assets and the transfer of facilities, territory, and the certificate of public convenience and necessity from one company to another. Vice Chair Belser moved to approve this sale and attendant requests and her motion carried.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on sixteen other issues related to utilities in South Carolina. The complete list of these items, as well as links to dockets and all materials, is available at the agenda link above.

Today's transportation agenda began with six new applications for certification, which were granted following a motion made by Commissioner Williams.

Item seven was a request for extension, as was item eight. These two items were taken together and were granted following a motion made by Commissioner Caston.

Item nine was a request to cancel a certificate, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Williams.

Finally, item ten was a request to amend a certificate, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Powers.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on twenty-six other issues related to transportation providers in South Carolina. The complete list of these items, as well as links to dockets and all materials, is available at the agenda link above.

The next regular Commission Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at 2 p.m. You can access the livestream broadcast of that meeting by visiting our site at www.psc.sc.gov and clicking on "livestream." If you have questions about today's proceedings, please follow us on social media—on

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